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## **UPDATE - Cause of Death Determined by OCME Fatal Shooting Incident at Middletown Courthouse**

On 06-15-05, at approximately 9:34 a.m., police received an emergency 911 call reporting a shooting incident had occurred in the parking lot area behind the GA-9 courthouse in Middletown, Connecticut. Several persons were reported injured as a result of this shooting.

Emergency medical services and police responded to the scene, where they discovered three (3) persons apparently suffering from gunshot wounds. One female victim was pronounced deceased at the scene while a second female victim was transported by ground EMS to Middlesex Hospital in Middletown. A male victim appearing to be suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound was transported by Lifestar helicopter to Hartford Hospital.

The scene was secured by the Middletown Police Department along with responding State Troopers. The Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Unit (CDMU) also responded to this scene to work with the Middletown Police Department in this incident. All persons involved in this incident have been identified as the following:

### Victim #1

Attorney Julie PORZIO DOB: 04/01/63

25 State Street, Waterbury

Wounded and transported to Hartford Hospital; listed in serious condition

### Victim #2

Donna BOCHICCHIO DOB: 07/02/62

Lake Harwinton Rd., Harwinton, CT

Pronounced deceased at the scene

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Victim #3

Michael L. BOCHICCHIO Jr. DOB: 05/13/58  
Torrington St., Torrington, CT  
Pronounced deceased at Hartford Hospital

A post mortem examination has been completed by the Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner on Thursday, June 16, 2005. The death of Victim #2, Donna BOCHICCHIO, has been ruled a homicide and cause of death is determined to be multiple gun shot wounds. The death of Victim #3, Michael BOCHICCHIO, has been ruled a suicide, and the cause of death is determined to be a single, self-inflicted, gunshot wound to the head.

This investigation is continuing.

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